

CANADA: IS CANADA A ROGUE NATION?

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HONOURABLE JEAN CHRETIEN**

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IS CANADA ALSO A ROGUE NATION?

**TIME FOR REFLECTION: FULL INVESTIGATION INTO CANADA'S ROLE IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IS NEEDED**

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What has been the role of Provincial and Federal governments in the proliferation of nuclear weapons?

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What has been the role of the Canadian government in consistently voting with the US on key UN General Assembly resolution requiring nuclear arms control and disarmament, and voting against any inclusion in recent UN Conference Action plans on eliminating weapons of mass destruction. Canada has continually condoned the berthing of nuclear armed or nuclear powered vessels in Canadian urban ports.

What has been the role of the Federal government in the development of chemical and biological weapons?

This role was evident in the former four country joint project (Britain, Canada, US and Australia) in which one of the two major research station was at Suffield, Alberta.

This is the time for reflection in on Canada's role in the development and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and on the need for full public disclosure.

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PETITION
TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We the undersigned citizens
draw the attention of the House to the following
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